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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" It is not anxiety, but necessity for the Government to see that the public in the North know what the Madras Government are doing."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know whether this Government are responsible to the public of Northern India or to the public of this Province, and whether this procedure is adopted by any other Provincial Government in Northern India or elsewhere? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I cannot say to my hon. Friend at once whether this practice is there in other Provinces or not. Any good practice, whether it exists elsewhere or not, should be started somewhere. If my hon. Friend is convinced that it is good, there is nothing wrong in Madras starting it."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether Hindi is the regional language of any area in this Presidency? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" So far as I know, no."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" If the intention of the Government is to do propaganda in Northern India, is it worthwhile spending about Rs. 1·1 lakh per annum on printing so many copies of the ' Madras Information? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Only a thousand copies are printed in Hindi, Sir."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]**

## II.—MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce to the House the following message, dated Fort St. George, 31st March 1947, received by me from the Hon'ble the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly :—

' In accordance with rule 108 of the Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Removal of Civil Disabilities (Amendment) Bill, 1947 (L.C. Bill No. 1 of 1947), as agreed to by the Assembly without any amendment and signed by me.'

" I have to announce to the House the following messages, dated Fort St. George, the 1st April 1947, have been received by me from the Hon'ble the Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly :—

' 1. In accordance with rule 94 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Temple Entry Authorization Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 9 of 1947), as passed by the Assembly on the 1st of April 1947 and signed by me for the concurrence of the Council.'

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'2. In accordance with rule 94 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Payment of Salaries and Removal of Disqualifications (Amendment) Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 10 of 1947), as passed by the Assembly on the 1st April 1947 and signed by me for the concurrence of the Council '."

## III.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

### (1) THE MADRAS TEMPLE ENTRY AUTHORIZATION BILL, 1947 (AS PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY)

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I beg leave of the House to move that the Madras Temple Entry Authorization Bill,[a] 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 9 of 1947) as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration at once."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHEB BAHADUR :—" On a point of information, Sir. In the agenda, it is mentioned that the Hon. Sri O. P. Ramaswami Reddiyar, Prime Minister, will move the motion."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I think it is open to any member of Government to deal with the Bill, even if the motion stands in the name of some other member on the agenda."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" In this case, you also happen to be a member of this House."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" The agenda is intended to give information to the members of the House. It is not intended to be violated always."

THE HON. DR. T S. S. RAJAN :—" I do not think it is an important point at all."

K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" The Hon. Leader of the House was just saying that it was of no importance. The motion stands in the name of the Hon. Prime Minister. If he had any respect for this House, he could have asked the permission of the House to move the motion in the absence of the Hon. Prime Minister. The House will certainly agree."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" That is what the Hon. Minister did."

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" It is not correct to say that in answering a question or moving a motion, the permission of the House should be taken by a Minister acting on behalf of an absentee Minister in whose name the question or motion stands. At the most, I may request you, as the President, that I may be permitted to move, as the Minister in whose name the motion stands is absent. But it is not the rule or convention that a motion should be moved and the permission of the House taken. Any member of Government can answer for any other member in his absence."

[a] Printed as Adpendix III on pages 606-608 infra.